

REMARKS

Claims 2-29, 31-34, 37, 38, 40, 41, 58 and 60 are pending. The Examiner in the outstanding Action has allowed claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12-29, 31-34, 37, 38, 40, 41, 58 and 60, for which the undersigned is appreciative. These claims remain unchanged.

Claim Objections

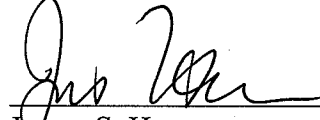
Claims 4, 5, 8, 11 and 43 are objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 3. Claim 43 has been cancelled. We believe that claims 4, 5, 8 and 11 are not duplicates of claim 3 or of one another. Thus, all four claims add limitations to claim 3, and are thus not duplicates of claim 3. Claims 8 and 11 are not duplicates of claims 4 and 5 either since they qualify different claim elements in claim 3. Claims 4 and 5 add limitations regarding the components of the device in claim 3. Claims 8 and 11 add limitations regarding the elongated structure in claim 3. The elongated structure and the components of claim 3 are two distinct elements of the claim. Claims 4 and 5 clearly add different limitations regarding the components of the device in claim 3. Claims 8 and 11 clearly add different limitations regarding the elongated structure in claim 3.

Conclusion

Accordingly, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of its allowance is solicited. However, if the Examiner has any further matters that need to be resolved, a telephone call to the undersigned at 415-318-1162 would be appreciated.

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